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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

1. The proposed amendment to claim 1, if separately filed, would put claim 1 (and claims 3 and 4 which depend therefrom) in condition for allowance.
2. The proposed amendments to independent claims 6 and 8 raise new issues that would require further search and/or consideration being that the scope of pending claims 6 and 8 is different than the scope of pending claim 1 from which pending claim 2 depends.
3. The proposed amendment to independent claim 5 raises new issues that would require further search and/or consideration.
4. The proposed amendment to the specification constitutes "new matter" for the reasons noted in paragraph 3 of the Office action mailed 1/6/2009. For the record, the examiner notes that it was not the original "record carrier" terminology, per se, that was the original issues under section 101, rather it was the fact that that this terminology might be construed from the original disclosure as encompassing "carrier waves". The insertion of "computer-readable medium" does not resolve this issue given the fact that the terminology is itself undefined by the original specification and, as such, might be construed as encompassing "carrier waves" too.
5. The "prior art" has been cited as being illustrative of systems in which image signals of different sizes are being combined.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID E. HARVEY whose telephone number is (571) 272-7345. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:00AM to 3PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Marsha D. Banks-Harold, can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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